

## NEWS RELEASE

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## TWO KC MEN INDICTED IN CRACK COCAINE CONSPIRACY

**KANSAS CITY, Mo.** – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that two Kansas City, Mo., men were indicted by a federal grand jury today in a crack cocaine conspiracy.

**Thomas N. Johnson**, 25, and **Lamell T. Jones**, 24, both of Kansas City, were charged in a superseding indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Kansas City.

Today's superseding indictment replaces charges contained in an original indictment that was returned by a federal grand jury on Sept. 8, 2004, in Kansas City.

Count One of the superseding indictment alleges that **Jones** possessed with intent to distribute five grams or more of crack cocaine on Aug. 20, 2003, in Kansas City.

Count Two of the federal indictment alleges that **Johnson** and **Jones** conspired to possess with intent to distribute 50 grams or more of crack cocaine between Dec. 6 and 7, 2003.

Count Three of the federal indictment alleges that **Johnson** and **Jones**, aiding and abetting each other, possessed with intent to distribute 50 grams or more of crack cocaine on Dec. 7, 2003, in Kansas City.

Count Four of the federal indictment alleges that **Jones** possessed with intent to distribute crack cocaine on Dec. 7, 2003, in Kansas City.

Count Five of the federal indictment alleges that **Johnson** possessed with intent to distribute marijuana on Dec. 7, 2003, in Kansas City.

Graves cautioned that the charges contained in the indictment are simply accusations, and not evidence of guilt. Evidence supporting the charges must be presented to a federal trial jury, whose duty is to determine guilt or innocence.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney David DeTar Newbert. The case was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department.

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